
OLR Bill Analysis

sHB 6404

AN ACT CONCERNING REGISTERED INTERIOR DESIGNERS.

SUMMARY:

This bill limits the type of seals that registered interior designers may use to those that only include (1) the name of the interior designer using the seal; (2) the words “Registered Interior Designer, State of Connecticut”; and (3) the interior designer’s registration number.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2014

BACKGROUND

Regulation of Interior Designers

The state does not regulate who may practice interior design, but does limit a person’s right to title or market themselves as a registered interior designer (*Roberts v. Farrell*, 630 F.Supp.2d 242 (2009)). By law, a person cannot use the title “registered interior designer” or otherwise indicate that he or she is a registered interior designer in the state unless he or she (1) has registered as an interior designer with the Department of Consumer Protection (DCP) or (2) is an architect licensed in the state. In order to receive a certificate of registration, an applicant must submit proof to DCP that he or she (1) passed the uniform national examination established by the National Council for Interior Design Qualifications, (2) passed any other examination with standards or requirements equal to or greater than those established by such council, or (3) is currently registered or licensed in another state having registration or licensing standards or requirements equal to or greater than Connecticut’s standards or requirements. An applicant must also pay DCP a fee of \$190.

COMMITTEE ACTION

General Law Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 18 Nay 0 (03/12/2013)